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you're going to find out that that happens in Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota. These are not mobile services, so I don't think we have that argument for most of them. It is, I think, appropriate to move our sales tax base away from...or a little bit further away from its goods-oriented base to one based on services. Services have been the fastest growing component of our economy. They have grown faster, that sector has grown faster than manufacturing, which is where you'd find the sale of goods. We need a more dynamic tax base in the state of Nebraska, if we are to keep pace, for example, with the increased expenditures for Medicaid, and...in particular. We simply are not going to be able to keep up with the existing tax base unless we make significant changes in that program or we significantly increase rates. The choice is to produce a more dynamic tax base at the same...at this same rate, and perhaps be able to go forward from there. We hope that you find the committee's suggestions acceptable. We will have, if you adopt even the suggestions that we now have in LB 1085, we're going to have a very significant decision to make later on, I believe, to fill the hole that we just created with the bracket of the last bill. So if you have questions or concerns about any of the components of the committee amendment to LB 1085, I'll appreciate hearing those, but will for now urge your adoption of the committee amendments. After we get through, I think...I'm not able to tote these up, looks like about 10 or 15 amendments, we're going to have a lively discussion. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, priority motion?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, but if I may, one item for the record,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

CLERK: ...and that's a confirmation report from the Transportation Committee. Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to recommit the...recommit LB 1085 to the Revenue Committee.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to